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Read the following:-

From the Collector of Cuddapah No. A.4.806/52 dated 22-3-1952.
Memorandum No. 34343 J/52-7 dated 20-2-1953, to the Accountant-General, Madras.
From the Accountant-General, No. T.4.R D A. 1428, dated 31-3-1953.

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ORDER:-

Under rule 29 of the Mineral concession Rules, 1949 an applicant for a mining lease has to make a deposit not exceeding Rs.500/- along with the application for meeting the preliminary expenses. There are several cases in which leases have been sanctioned by the Government and in which the amounts collected under rule 29 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1949, have to be refunded to the parties after deducting the actual charges payable for survey etc. The deposit collected to meet the preliminary expenses is in the nature of an advance payment on a roughly estimated basis. In this view, the deposit can be treated as an item of revenue realised in advance and any excess over actual expenses to be refunded to the parties may be treated as refund of revenue. As Collectors have no powers to refund the amounts, specific orders of the Government are necessary empowering Collectors to refund the amounts. It has been pointed out that it will involve long time and much inconvenience if every such case for refund is to be referred to the Government for sanction.

After examining the question in consultation with the Accountant-General, the Government direct that the preliminary deposit paid under rule 29 of the Mineral Concession Rules should be treated as security deposits which can be credited under the head "Revenue Deposits and Other deposits" instead of as revenue. Such deposits can be repaid by the authority who originally ordered the acceptance of the deposit i.e. the Collector can order the refund of the excess amounts of the deposits without the sanction of the Government. All Collectors are requested to follow this procedure in future.

Necessary amendments to the Madras Financial Code in this regard will be issued by the Government in the Finance Department.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

S. ARULDOSS,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Industries and Commerce.
All Collectors.

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